



BOLD LEADERS

## PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM WITH UGANDA, KENYA AND THE UNITED STATES:

Experienced international community organizers, BoldLeaders, Growing Power, Inc, the Mazingira Institute, Environmental Alert and Support Africa Empowerment Initiative (SAFI) are teaming up to deliver a two-year, transatlantic partnership between adult leaders and professionals in Uganda, Kenya and the United States focusing on the issue of **food security and its antecedents**. A coalition of institutions, community organizations and political leaders will provide programming, participants and internship opportunities to enhance the two-way exchange between the African countries and the U.S.

The group will address the problem of food security in the two African countries of Uganda and Kenya and in the United States by examining the specific social, political, and economic factors that contribute to the issues of food production, equitable distribution, and non-degradable environmental practices. Fifty-three adults from these three countries who work in agriculture, education, government and/or community organizations will travel to either the United States (Colorado, Milwaukee or Chicago) or Africa (Kenya or Uganda) for up to eight weeks of programming and fellowship opportunities with local agricultural experts, nutritionists, food growers, policymakers and media personnel.

BoldLeaders and Growing Power are interested in building partnerships with individuals and organizations in the Colorado and Wisconsin areas to provide programming, internship opportunities and strong public/private partnerships. This is a two-year program that calls for groups to travel to the U.S. twice a year, specifically in the spring and fall of 2011. Fellowship partners may also have opportunities to send team member(s) on the reciprocal exchanges to Kenya and Uganda. **This project is particularly focused on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture.**

Partnerships that focus on impacting the participation of women and the very poor, policymaking, nutrition, land management, market-access, trade imbalances, education, etc. would be particularly appropriate. Less attention will be paid to the **technical aspects** of growing food, though that is sure to be a part of the experience participants have in the program. Participants should be exposed to opportunities while in the different countries that will increase their ability to directly impact the issue of food security in their communities in meaningful and deliberate ways.

CMLE is an established 501(c)3 organization based in Denver, Colorado that has designed and implemented 12 large scale exchange programs with adults and young people from around the world, including throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Besides the Mazingira Institute and SAFI, our partners in Africa include Makerere University, the University of Nairobi, Environmental Alert and many other community organizations.

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